

**17—4.5 (231) Types of entities that qualify as an AAA.**

**4.5(1) *Qualifications.*** In order to qualify for designation as an AAA, an entity must have the authority and capacity to perform the functions of an AAA and handle the responsibilities outlined in 17 IAC 5, 6 and 7.

**4.5(2) *Right of first refusal.*** When the commission designates a new AAA, the commission shall give the right of first refusal to a unit of general purpose local government provided:

- a. The unit can meet the requirements of this rule;
- b. The unit's boundaries and the boundaries of the PSA are reasonably contiguous.

**4.5(3) *First refusal process.*** Should a unit of general purpose local government choose to exercise the right of first refusal, it shall make application for designation as an AAA as provided in this chapter.

**4.5(4) *Order of preference.*** When a unit of general purpose local government does not exercise the right of first refusal by making application, applicant preference categories shall be in the following order:

1. An established office on aging which is defined as a legally incorporated entity with employed staff whose single purpose is to administer programs for older individuals.
2. An agency whose single purpose is to administer programs for older individuals.
3. A multipurpose agency as defined in 17—4.6(231).
4. Any public or nonprofit private agency in a PSA which can engage in the planning and provision of a broad range of supportive or nutrition services within the PSA, except any regional or local agency of the state.

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